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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Guang-Xue Wei et al.	:	Group Art Unit:	1711	
Serial No:	09/710,510	:	Examiner:	Duc Truong
Filed:	November 9, 2000	:		
For:	<b>FLUORESCENT POLYMERIC ARTICLES FABRICATED FROM U.V. LIGHT ABSORBING POLYMER</b>			

**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT  
AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Amendment mailed on May 19, 2005 with the Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner has amended the specification on page 1, between the title and the Field of Invention to claim the benefit of two provisional applications, namely 60/247,438 and 60/247,439. Applicants do not wish to claim priority from these applications. In fact, Applicants' prior attorney of record submitted a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt on April 26, 2001 wherein Applicants stated that no claim to the benefit of the cross-referenced applications was sought. A copy of the prior Request is attached. This prior Request may not have been received by the Examiner as there was a typographical error in the serial number of the document.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's Amendment. In addition, request hereby is made for issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt. The original Filing Receipt, copy enclosed, erroneously states that this application claims the benefit of 60/247,438 and 60/247,439, both filed November 9, 2000, or the same date as the present application. Applicants request the issuance of a corrected filing receipt in which this statement is omitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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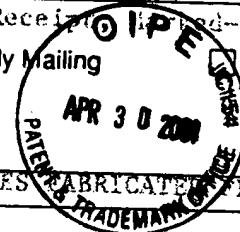
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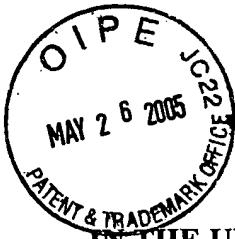
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Serial No.: 09/710,560 )  
Filed: November 9, 2000 )  
For: FLUORESCENT POLYMER )  
ARTICLES FABRICATED FROM U.V. )  
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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 9, 2000. On February 8, 2001, a Preliminary Amendment was filed, in which a paragraph was added to make a cross-reference to certain applications filed on November 9 and November 10, 2000, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2). A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

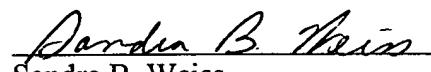
The purpose of the preliminary amendment was not to claim the benefit of the filing date of the other cross-referenced applications. Rather, the amendment was made pursuant to the sentence of 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2), that reads "Cross references to other related applications may be made when appropriate (see § 1.14)." The wording of the Preliminary Amendment is in accordance with this language of the rule.

On March 28, 2001, attorneys for the applicants herein received the official filing receipt for this application. A copy of the official receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The official filing receipt erroneously states that this application claims the benefit of 60/247,438 and 60/247,439, both filed November 9, 2000, or the same date as the application herein.

Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a corrected filing receipt, in which this statement is omitted. That is, the portion of the filing receipt after "Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant" should be blank. Attached as Exhibit C is a copy of the official filing receipt showing the requested correction in red.

Applicants also respectfully request that the files of 60/247,438 and 60/247,439 be checked to be sure that they have not erroneously been deemed abandoned. It is not the intent of the applicants to abandon these applications.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## EXHIBIT A

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Serial No.: 09/710,510

Filed: November 9, 2000

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following sub-heading and paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS**

Reference is made to the following applications, each of which is co-pending with the instant application: U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/247,438, filed November 9, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/247,439, filed November 9, 2000; U.S. Serial No. 09/710,560, filed November 9, 2000; and U.S. Serial No. 09/709,921, filed November 10, 2000.

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The above-identified patent application is amended to make reference to the noted co-pending applications. Each of the applications is assigned to the common assignee, and each relates to fluorescent polymeric articles. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing preliminary amendment does not add new matter to the disclosure. This amendment to add a cross-reference to co-pending applications is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

Submitted herewith is a separate page with the paragraph to be added in "clean form" as is believed to be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii).

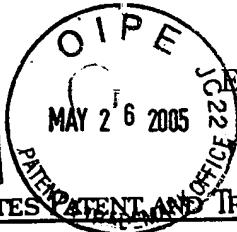
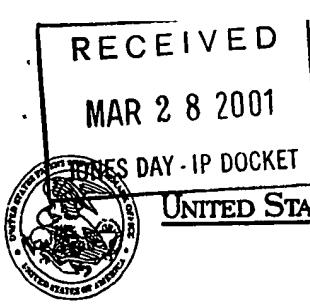
Although it is believed no fee is associated with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary for the proper filing of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 10-1202.

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**Foreign Applications****If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 03/15/2001****Projected Publication Date:****Non-Publication Request:** No**Early Publication Request:** No**Title**

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